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7. During World War II Rakosi-Mivek turned out a number of items for the Army - among which were both Diesel and gasoline motors, light Panther tanks and airplanes. The airplanes which were produced under German direction were light trainers. (I believe some planes are made there now)
8. In 1949 the personnel engaged in operating the Rakosi-Mivek plant was about 14 thousand. I heard that the manufacture of tin cans and cookery ware (steel coated with aluminum) was enlarged by 1949. In fact, there is only one other factory in Hungary which makes tin cans for food. It is located at Pestszenterzsebet /five miles southeast of Budapest/.

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Airfield/Airplane Assembly/Camouflage

1. South of the steel plant is a large concrete air strip. This strip was used by the Germans during World War II. The Germans used Rakosi-Mivek to assemble Messerschmidts and Heinkels in 1945. The runway was approximately 1800 meters. With parking strips, the field covered approximately four square kilometers.
2. Winds are very heavy at this field and can be considered as constant for most of the year. The general direction of winds is to the northeast. Twice a year the direction of the winds change. In the early spring and in the fall (September) these winds change and blow from east to west.
3. This field didn't have many facilities, but was used primarily as an adjunct to the Csepel plant which made the trainers and assembled the previously mentioned German fighters. 60 fighters parked on the field at one time in 1945. Facilities included hangars which could cover twenty fighters. These hangars consisted of eight large doubles and two small singles. The hangars were damaged by air raids during World War II. (I have heard that the strip is intact and useable. I don't know the present status of this field)
4. Perhaps of most importance is the fact that directly south of this air strip is a large forested area. During World War II, the Germans were successful in camouflaging the forested area where they hid large numbers of fighter planes. This area was never bombed during World War II.

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